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SUBJECT: STATE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

1. STATE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON JORDAN OR ISRAEL
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAS SO FAR AROUSED
NO INTEREST IN JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS; ONLY
JORDAN TIMES (ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY) HAS PLAYED STORY.
PORTIONS OF REPORT ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES REPRINTED IN FEB. 17 ISSUE AS QUOTED FEB. 12
BY SUNDAY TIMES.

2. IN ITS EDITORIAL, JORDAN TIMES PRAISES SUNDAY TIMES
FOR ITS "BRAVE INVESTIGATION" AND "BOLD REPORTING" OF
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF ARABS LIVING IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS HAS PUSHED
OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES INTO ALLOWING RED CROSS TO VISIT
ARAB PRISONERS. EDITORIAL EXPRESSES HOPE THAT U.S. WILL
FOLLOW UP ON ALLEGATIONS.

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3. COMMENT: JORDAN TIMES EDITOR RAMI KHOURI IS
AMERICAN CITIZEN OF APLESTINIAN ORIGIN WHO NATURALLY
HAS SPECIAL INTEREST IN WEST BANK AFFAIRS. ABSENCE OF
REPORTING IN ARABIC PRESS ON U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT
DOES NOT MARK LACK OF INTEREST IN SUBJECT AS MUCH AS IT
DOES FACT THAT ALLEGATIONS OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ALREADY RECEIVE REGULAR PRESS

COVERAGE HERE. ONE MORE REPORT REPEATING ALLEGATIONS
PREVIOUSLY MADE, EVEN THOUGH IT COMES FROM USG,
APPARENTLY NOT DEEMED PARTICULARLY REMARKABLE EXCEPT
BY THOSE, LIKE KHOURI, WHO CLOSELY FOLLOW U.S. POLICY
TOWARDS ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES.
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